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TO AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE OSBORN'S LETTER OF CREDENCE

REF: RANGOON 267 (NOTAL)

1. AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE OSBORN PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 22 AND SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION WILL DEPART SHORTLY THEREAFTER FOR HONG KONG WHERE HE PLANS TO REMAIN UNTIL HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE HAS BEEN POUCHED TO RANGOON.

2. THIS TIMING OF EVENTS WILL APPROXIMATE PERIOD WHEN TITLES OF BURMESE OFFICIALS, INCLUDING NE WIN, WILL CHANGE WITH FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT ON MARCH 2. IT IS ESSENTIAL, THEREFORE, THAT CORRECT TITLE OF BURMESE CHIEF OF STATE APPEAR ON NEW AMBASSADOR'S LETTER OF CREDENCE. UNLESS INFORMED TO CONTRARY, WE WILL ARRANGE TO HAVE LETTER OF CREDENCE ADDRESSED TO "HIS EXCELLENCY, U NE WIN, PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF BURMA."

3. FYI BURMESE EMBASSY HERE SINGULARLY UNHELPFUL BOTH AS TO PRECISE TITLE OF CHIEF OF STATE AND WHEN IT WILL BECOME
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